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***Credential Confirmation for Pfc. Bradley E. Manning
Court Martial***

Thank you for your interest in covering the U.S. Government vs. Pfc. Bradley E. Manning Court Martial beginning at 9:30 a.m. on Monday, June 3, 2013 at Fort George G. Meade, Md. Your organization is now officially authorized to receive **one (1) credential for the media operations center or courtroom. Cameras and crew will position at the press pit or SAT truck locations (NOTE: There will not be seating available in the media operation center for photographers and crew).** In order to complete the credentialing process, you must arrive by the designated time provided and agree to abide by the media ground rules.

For planning purposes, the court martial is scheduled for Monday, June 3 - Friday, August 23, 2013.

1. Media will report to the Reece Road Gate between **7:30 a.m. - 8:00 a.m.**, following the access instructions below. You will be issued MDW Public Affairs Office media credentials, which must be visible at all times while you are on the installation. You will be required to show your press credentials, forfeit a photo ID and sign ground rules to obtain the MDW credentials, and you must turn the badge in to the MDW Public Affairs at the conclusion of the day to retrieve your ID. If you do not have press credentials, you will need a letter on official letterhead from your editor to verify your authenticity and assignment to the legal proceedings.
2. Electronic devices of any kind (e.g. cell phone, iPad, iPod, Blackberry, voice recorder, video recorder, etc.) are not allowed in the courtroom. These items must be left in your vehicle. Detection devices are in place that will alarm if an electronic device is brought into the secure area. Still/video cameras, as well as tape recorders, may be used only in designated areas of the sat truck/stand-up location and the press pit outside the courtroom. Personnel attending the hearing will be subject to magnetometer screening and/or search prior to entering any of the secured areas.
3. Media can bring a computer into the media operations center for filing and note taking purposes only. The media operations center will be operational for credentialing, lunch and filing when court recesses and up to one hour after legal proceedings at the end of each day. Social media posting may only be done when court is in recess/break.
4. A legal subject matter expert will be available in the media operations center prior to and at the end of the hearing to answer questions related to the legal proceedings.
5. Food, beverages (except for bottled water), chewing gum and tobacco products are not permitted in the courtroom during open sessions. A refrigerator, microwave and coffee pot will be available in the media operations center and media can contribute to a coffee fund for supplies. You must bring your own meals, or you can take advantage of a box lunch offer in the afternoon for a reasonable price.

6. A security sweep of equipment will take place prior to gaining access to the military installation. Personnel attending the hearing will be subject to magnetometer screening and/or search prior to entering any of the secured areas.

7. The media operations center is limited to 70 seats. Ten members of the press (e.g. 2 broadcast, 2 wire, 2 print, 2 international, 1 blog/online, 1 radio) and sketch artists will be required to view the legal proceedings in the courtroom. Media will determine who goes and can swap with other organizations at designated times. Once media go into the courtroom, representatives cannot get up to leave to file story, make phone calls, etc. (unless judge calls brief recess). Recommend restroom breaks before entering the courtroom.

8. Photographers and videographers will be pre-positioned in a fixed press pit outside the courtroom. All live trucks will be parked at a designated parking area and be removed no later than one hour after court recesses for the day, understanding flexibility may be required based on time of recess and the news cycle.

9. All updates during the hearing will be given at the media operations center. All on-camera interviews will be conducted at the fixed press pit outside of the courtroom or the stand-up area by the live trucks.

10. Credentialed media must arrive at the designated time provided or they will not be credentialed.

**** More than 350 requests for credentials were received for 70 seats in the media operations center and 10 seats in the courtroom. Your understanding of our space limitations based on building fire codes, is greatly appreciated.**

ACCESS AND DIRECTIONS

1. DIRECTIONS TO FORT MEADE REECE ROAD VISITOR GATE: From the Baltimore-Washington Parkway (Route 295), take Route 175 (East)/Odenton/Fort Meade exit. Travel approximately 4-5 miles. Turn right onto Reece Road. If you are coming from the south, do not take the Route 198 exit from Route 295. From points east, take Route 32 to Route 175 and make a left on Reece Road. Please meet public affairs representatives in the back parking lot of the Visitor Control Center, marked "Media Parking". Do not proceed to the gate. Media should meet at the parking lot between **7:30 a.m. - 8:00 a.m.**

2. All live trucks will go through security screening at the gate and be escorted to the sat truck parking area at McGill Training Center. All other media vehicles will be escorted to the parking lot adjacent to the Media Operations Center. Media will be escorted to/from the Visitor Control Center to the media staging areas and the court complex at all times.

3. Media attending must have two forms of photo identification. All drivers must have a current driver's license; valid/current vehicle registration and valid/current insurance card to match the vehicle you are driving to access the installation.

4. A security sweep of equipment will take place at the media parking area outside the Visitor Control Center. Media vehicles are required to be inspected in order to gain access to the installation. Upon successful inspection of the vehicle and upon examination of require documentation as mentioned above (Driver's License, Registration, Insurance), all media will then follow designated PAO convoy vehicle to the Media Operations Center/court complex. This will occur daily.